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"SOME ENCHANTED EVENING" —

After spending three long years in Saint Michael's the graduating class of 1959 is finally experiencing the joys and sorrows of the long awaited senior year. This last year of high school brings with it Ring Day, Class Day, the Senior Trip, and the Senior Prom.

A popular topic of conversation among the seniors is, of course, the prom. The most discussed items range from escorts for the night description of the evening gowns to the places to be visited after the prom.

The prom poses a very serious problem for some seniors namely that of an escort. One of the girls had her problem readily solved when a classmate handed her a nicely wrapped gift. Imagine her surprise when she opened it. It contained a "date" for the prom.

April 17, "Prom Day", is rapidly approaching. On this evening the lavishly decorated Father Paschal Memorial Hall will be turned into a magic ballroom. Seniors in their pastel evening gowns and their escorts in tuxedos will add the finishing touches to this beautiful scene. The evening will be spent dancing and talking with friends. The girls introduce their escorts to Sister Clarence Aloysia and the chaperons for the evening. The Grand March brings the prom to a close. Girls and their escorts leave the hall in gay excitement of spirit. After the prom many of the girls plan to visit various night clubs to add the finishing touches to a never-to-be forgotten evening.

Nothing but the best for the seniors of Saint Michael's is anticipated. Surely these girls deserve the best.

Katherine Shaltonis

Y. C. S. DANCE SCORES

On Friday, March 13th the Y.C.S. of St. Michael's sponsored their first dance. The Cardinals supplied the music as teens danced to their favorite tunes. An estimated crowd of about 600 were present. The proceeds from the dance will be used to send six Y.C.S. members to Garrison, New York on a study week. The girls who will represent St. Michael's Y.C.S. are Rosalin Aversano, Phyllis Ammirati, Marie Mazzapelli, Marilyn O'Meara, Wendy Palumbo and Nina Aversano. The study week will be held during Easter vacation from March 30 to April 2. The purpose of this study week will be to discuss the different problems of Y.C.S. to better understand the aims of the Y.C.S. and most of all to train members for leadership in the future. The week will also serve as an exchange center of ideas with other Y.C.S. groups regarding conduct of meetings and ways to improve the organization.

The Y.C.S. would like to extend their appreciation to Sister Clarence Aloysia, O.P. and Father Godfrey, O.F.M. Cap for giving permission for the dance. Members also thank the priests and sister who helped and encouraged them in their first big special endeavor.

Nina Aversano

FATHER NEAL KERRIGAN O.F.M. CAP

The solemn season of Lent will be brought to a close at St. Michael's with our annual Holy Week retreat. We are indeed fortunate this year to have a retreatmaster, Father Neal Kerrigan, O.F.M. Cap., originally from Brooklyn and a member of the Mission Band. These priests are responsible for the home missions, giving retreats, missions, triduum and the like.

Because of the limited capacity of the church, each girl is requested to attend Mass and receive Holy Communion in her own parish. These three days will be spent in prayer, spiritual reading and instructions by Father Kerrigan in both the church and the school auditorium.

During the Retreat we should all make an earnest effort to observe a strict silence during the day and keep talking at a minimum during lunch hour. It should be a time when we realize our shortcomings. Since our attention is diverted from worldly matters, we should try to draw closer to God, making a firm resolution to better ourselves in His eyes.

Carol Lioio

ITALIAN CHARITIES OFFERS

Each year, money is set aside by the Italian Charities of America to assist worthy and needy children of Italian extraction to further their educational ambitions.

Last year, we were able to award 32 scholarships to graduating

high school boys and girls which enabled these students to attend the colleges of their choice.

This year, we are happy to announce that we are in a position to continue this program. It is important that all applications and transcripts are received in our office on or before March 15, 1959.

The only requirements are:

1. Established financial need
2. Sound school citizenship
3. Excellent scholastic standing

MICHAELITES TO PARTICIPATE

MORE THAN 5 MILLION DOLLARS IN SCHOLARSHIPS

In the 1959-60 academic year, the National Merit Scholarship Corporation will provide more than \$5,000,000 worth of four-year scholarships. The amount of the scholarships is determined by financial need, and they are renewable annually without further competitive examination.

JUNIORS SHOULD REGISTER NOW FOR THE APRIL 28 TEST

All high school students who will be in their second-semester junior year or first-semester senior year at the time of the examination (April 28, 1959) are eligible to take the test. Students may be enrolled in any public, private or parochial school in the fifty states, the District of Columbia, the Canal Zone, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, and various military overseas schools. Students should register promptly at their school principal's office.

The charge for taking the test is \$1.00 per student payable on the examination day, April 28, 1959. A limited number of students will be tested free should they be unable to pay the fee. (Students should consult their principal on this matter.) Tests will take place from 9:00 A.M. to noon at participating schools.

ST. MICHAEL'S IS HOST

On Sunday, March 15, St. Michael's Church was once again the scene of the Immaculate Junior Curia Acies. As is done every year at this time, the Junior Legions came to rededicate themselves to their Queen and Mother.

The Legionnaires marched into church in beautiful procession and recited the rosary. The Climax of the ceremony came when each Legionary went to the altar to touch the Vexillum and say the words, "I am all thine, my Queen and my Mother, and all that I have is thine." The entire group then consecrated itself to Mary. Reverend Ansbro delivered the sermon on the duties of the Legion members which was followed by Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

During the ceremony the juniors and seniors of the St. Michael's Glee Club rendered many beautiful hymns to Mary besides the ever lovely Benediction hymns. This Acies gathering will be long remembered by Our Lady's loyal Legionnaires.

FORWARD MARCH

March 17 was a perfect day. Sunshine was in abundance and there was little wind.

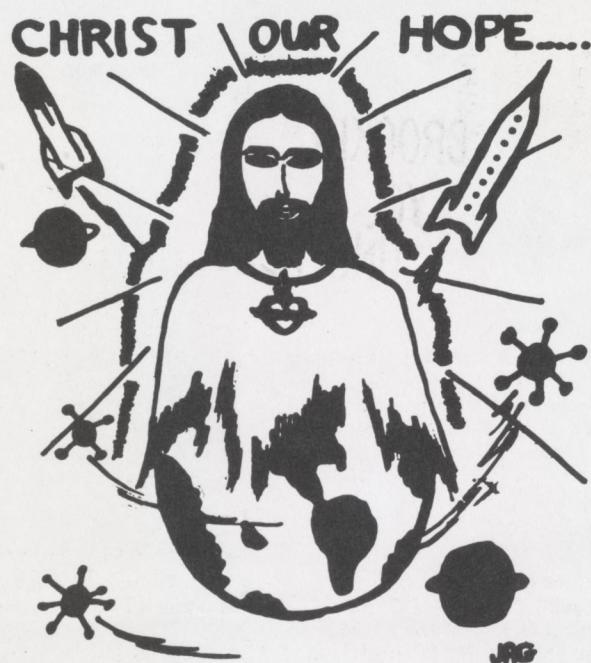
After a brief, last minute practice in the gym, the entire group including Father Godfrey, Father Connal, and Father Leo; Sister C. Claire, Sister M. Geraldine, Sister M. Malcolm, and Sister M. Cajetan; Bill Einus; Miss Mulvey and 74 girls boarded the bus for 5th Avenue.

With trained feet and precision timing the girls eagerly anticipated the moment when they would begin. The signal was given and the girls were ready. Each girl stood erect and started on the left foot. Upon reaching St. Patrick's Cathedral, the girls were viewed by Cardinal Spellman who was proudly surveying the parade.

The march from 45th Street to 96th Street and 2nd Avenue was filled with excitement. Many girls from school came down to cheer their representatives. Soldiers, sailors and others saluted the American flag as the St. Michael's color guard passed before them. The twirlers did an excellent job of skillfully performing their many interesting and different routines. Their new uniforms added color to the band and color guards.

We would also like to thank Lottisia La Marche, Lorraine Messineo, and Priscilla Parks, alumnae band members, for their participation in the parade.

Judith Ann Graeter



THE LORD IS RISEN —

We are living in an age of rockets, guided missiles, jet aircrafts, atom bombs, persecutions and Godlessness. Hence, we live in a world of suspicion, a world in terror of invasion, war and Communism. Thoughts of concentration camps, executions, secret police, interplanetary warfare and scientific rivalries makes us doubtful and insecure.

It would seem that there is little hope for the world as it now stands—that mistrust and conflict among nations will eventually lead to some terrible and drastic climax. Experts tell us that a scientific war could wipe out civilization as we know it. Yet the international situation worsens daily. On Christmas of 1946 our beloved Pope of Peace stated, "The world is seen on the edge of a frightful abyss," and his predecessor, Pius XI, said that, "These are the darkest days since the Deluge."

How then is it possible to be optimistic in such oppressing circumstances, to hope in the goodness of God, when the odds are stacked so high against us? The answer is simply this: "And on the third day He rose again." Did He not promise us the same glorious resurrection? If we hope, God will strengthen and sustain us no matter what trials and terrors assail us, no matter if hell itself were descending upon us.

Easter is a time of renewed confidence, a time of spiritual consolation and peace. It is the bright and beautiful dawn that dismisses the gloom and darkness of Lent. Like fishermen, we ride the treacherous sea of life, casting nets for happiness, but just when we begin to raise the catch a storm of sorrow and temptation tears it to shreds and releases its contents to the sea, wherewith we drew it. But Easter clears the mist of doubt and gives us a glimpse of the calm that lies ahead, and gives us renewed vigor to reach the harbor of heaven.

Military, naval or scientific supremacy cannot bring us the success and peace that our souls desire. For true success lies in living and dying in the grace of God. A certain peace will be ours, only when we rest at the feet of Jesus and surrender our all to Him. Do not be anxious over the world conflict, but remember that when all battles have ceased Our Lord will triumph and the faithful will share in the glory of His victory. The great Saint Teresa of Avila tells us, "Let nothing affright thee; let nothing disturb thee. All things are passing; God only is changeless."

In a prayerbook I found this short philosophy: "We shall be trustful in the hour of need, patient in the hour of disappointment, tranquil in the hour of trial, and when the hour of deliverance has come we shall count as nothing this anxiety and sorrows through which we have passed, for the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory to come that shall be revealed in us." This sums it up perfectly.

Anne Theresa Hill

EDITORIAL

COMPETENT CITIZEN OR IMMATURE CHILD

At eighteen many teenagers have taken upon themselves responsibilities equal to those of a person more advanced in years. Some are working, supporting their families as well as themselves; others work in order to further their education; still others marry and must face the problems of marriage and parenthood. They are driving cars on our crowded roads with outstanding safety records. On the other hand, some teenagers at eighteen are leading lives in which they are constantly prevented from facing reality and making decisions on their own by over-protective parents. As a result they are incapable of handling responsibilities they must face in the adult world.

In three of our fifty states, the legislatures have decided that their eighteen-year-old (Georgia and Kentucky) and nineteen-year-old (Alaska) citizens are competent enough to have a voice in the running of the government. Because of this there has been much discussion as to whether the other forty-seven states should lower the minimum voting age or should enforce a compulsory voting age of twenty-one or even twenty-four years throughout the nation?

But the real question is whether American teenagers would use discretion and reason in making their choices, and would be sufficiently acquainted with the workings of the government.

We have asked the opinions of a number of our seniors on this question.

Carol Lioio

Janice Greiner E87-304

I'm all in favor of teenage voting. If boys are old enough to give their life for their country and drive a car, and accept many responsibilities placed on them by adults, they are old enough to vote. I thoroughly disagreed with the argument that eighteen year olds are irresponsible. Many adults at fifty are still irresponsible.

Janet Parker E87-304

Teenagers should be allowed to vote. If they were given this privilege they would have more interest in the government and juvenile delinquency would cease to exist.

Janet Marczak E83-302

I believe in voting at eighteen. Many people say eighteen year olds know very little of how the government is run. But I believe many young people today know more of the operations of our government than their parents did at the same age since most schools provide a course in citizenship. If a boy is old enough to die for his country, he should be old enough to vote for those men who will ask for his life. At eighteen we pay taxes, therefore, we should have a say in how the tax money is spent.

Patricia Powell E83-302

Mary Jones an average American girl works in an office eight hours a day. She contributes practically all of her salary to the home expenses because she has five sisters and brothers. Johnny Smith is serving his enlistment in the Army and could be called at any moment into active service. These eighteen year olds and million others like them have taken the responsibilities of adults, yet they are told they are too young and incapable of voting? Is it fair? I say no. Teenagers with adult responsibilities should have adult rights and privileges.

Mary Ann Minutello E72-303

I think teenagers of eighteen years should be allowed to vote. If boys are old enough to go to war, they should be able to vote intelligently. Most girls of eighteen are old enough and mature enough to know which candidate would do his best in a government position.



Mary Ann Minutello Alice May.

ENTHUSIASTIC MICHAELITES COP BOOK WEEK AWARDS

As stated in the short News Letter posted in each classroom early in February; our principal, Sister M. Clarence Aloisia awarded prizes to students who made outstanding contributions to Catholic Book Week.

Recognition to the originator of a unique Bulletin Board in E72 was given to Mary Ann Minutello and her co-worker, Alice May. Anne Kennedy and Margaret Kelly worked jointly on a "cute angel poster" while Diane Lombardi produced a good family reading scene. A lovely posterette of Mary teaching the Christ Child came from the hands of Nancy Talia. To Mary Commareri from E72 went the prize for the best prepared Reading List.

May He, who sees all and rewards accordingly, shower blessings upon those students of their wonderful cooperation.



MARION COYLE and MARY HENNESSY

Marion Coyle and Mary Hennessy of Saint Michael's awarded first place trophies in Dramatic Interpretation.

Where? — Brooklyn-Queens Catholic Forensic League Grand Tournament
When? — March 21, 1959 — Brooklyn Prep



Susan Finn



Lydia Librizzi

Susan Finn and Joan Gildea presented their views in Original Oratory. Antonia Bentivegna and Lydia Librizzi represented Saint Michael's in Oratorical Interpretation.

Forensic members Muriel Hallinan, Virginia Walsh, Diana Lamont and Marilyn Kretz were our loyal spectators.

What? — Saint Michael's joined the league this past October. The year 1958-59 has been everyone's "first" in Forensic work. Like every activity outside of school, time must be contributed, time and hard work. But like every activity, the Forensic League has its reward. By work I mean writing and memorizing speeches and giving them in front of the club members with the help of Sister Mary Malcolm O.P., and later in front of judges at the tournament.

Why? — This gives a lot of personal satisfaction, and if you're a winner, like our Marion Coyle and Mary Hennessy, a trophy. More than just satisfaction though, the Forensic League is a place of kinship and fun. When our two winners walked up the aisle for their first prize, it seemed as if all of us had won it, our happiness was so great.

We are all proud of the first Michaelites to win a trophy. Here's wishing them many more and bigger ones yet to come.

YOUNG CHRISTIAN ADORERS

Reverently and devoutly members of the Young Christian Adores, gathered for their first meeting on Friday, February 13 and a second one on March 13. Saint Michael's Church was well filled with these teenage lovers of the Eucharistic Lord.

Every first Friday at 3:05, these volunteer adorers pledge to spend an hour with their Divine Host. The rosary is recited, hymns are sung and finally benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament is given. The aim of the Young Christian Adorers is to give adoration and thanksgiving to God, to help those souls in need by prayer, and to gain spiritual merit for themselves.

Sister Mary Jogues and Sister Mary Donald are the moderators. The large gathering of Michaelites, present at the first two meetings shows a deep spirit of faith and good will.

Margaret Owens

ART CLUB

"I Have Chosen You." This is the theme that will be seen on hundreds of vocation posters during the month of May. Catholic high school students of Brooklyn are competing for the best entry. The posters are intended to inspire religious vocations.

The winner will receive a special prize, and his poster will be on display in all high schools and grammar school classrooms throughout the Brooklyn diocese. Posters that are not submitted for the finals will be displayed in the individual school.

A group of eager Michaelite's are enthusiastically preparing to submit posters for the contest.

IT'S A MAN'S WORLD

An oratorical contest sponsored by the Knights of Columbus was held Tuesday evening, March 17. Six high school seniors representing Saint Francis Prep, Saint John's Prep, John Adams, Saint Michael's Academy and Saint Michael's Commercial participated. Fosalie Guciardo, E87 and Janet Marczak, E83 represented Saint Michael's Commercial. The two seniors from Saint John's Prep and Saint Francis Prep were the victors. These young men will represent the council in the forthcoming scholarship, oratorical contest. We congratulate our Michaelites for their efforts and interest.

MOTHER'S AUXILIARY TO DONATE SKELETON

At the last meeting many items of importance were discussed. Among the more interesting were:

New shoes for the freshmen—freshmen next year will have green and white saddle shoes instead of the type now in use.

New typewriters will be purchased for the new school year. Each girl will be assigned a certain typewriter and will be responsible for it the entire year.

A new addition to the Biology "Lab" has been obtained through the efforts of the mothers. They have purchased a skeleton that will help to get young biology students "all skook up."

Judith Brand
Joan Pfau

PROM FASHION PARADE

Are you going to look like the girl of his dreams at your Prom? Since it is one of the most memorable moments in your life, what you wear should be chosen carefully. Do not rush to buy the first gown you see, instead shop around until you can positively say, "This is the dress for me."

There is a dress style to suit every personality, size, and shape. The choice will be solely up to you. The sophisticated girl, for example, might prefer a long and flowing full length gown in striking colors for that out-of-the-ordinary effect. On the other hand, a petite girl will look her best in a cocktail length formal in soft shades with added emphasis on her tiny waist. For the girl with a weight problem, the most flattering style would be the lovely princess lines, in subdued shades.

Remember, that modesty is always in good taste. Happy shopping to all of you. Do enjoy that Prom!

Rosalind Aversano

EASTER PARADE

The earth was covered with a new coat of glory after the long dullness of winter. It was Easter and the people rejoiced for their risen Saviour. Lent with its spirit of penance and sacrifice was over. People, whether they were rich or poor dressed themselves in their finest clothes. After all, if the earth was dressed anew, why shouldn't they do the same? Generation after generation continued this practice. Soon these people wished to show their splendor to their neighbors. They would stroll down main avenues showing others their finery. For some people, Easter was a day on which they could feel proud and happy for tomorrow they would be back again working and looking forward to the next Easter.

To make this Easter a happy and holy one endeavor to not only show materialistic possessions to friends, but more important still a spotless soul to God.

Judith Brand
Joan Pfau

JUNIOR WHO'S WHO

Gloria Weigand of E62-305 has been active in school affairs since her freshman days. At the moment her pep and sparkle are devoted to the Senior Varsity and to that of being a twirler.

Frankie Avalon, Pat Boone, and Theresa Brewer are high on Gloria's musical hit parade. In her studies, she enjoys learning Spanish and the skills of transcription.

Gloria's plans for the future include obtaining a stenographic position with the Federal Bureau of Investigation. We're sure Gloria will be successful in anything she sets out to do!

Understanding, friendly and efficient describes Lydia Librizzi of E62-305.

After school this outstanding junior may be found at a meeting of the Legion of Mary during which she presides as Vice-president or with the Forensic League in which she is one of the most valuable speakers.

Sparkling dark eyes, long eyelashes, and dark hair make Lydia attractive as well as efficient. She always seeks to give aid to those girls faced with a problem and usually comes up with a satisfying solution.

Lydia's future plans include college. She hopes some day to be a teacher. Here's wishing her all the luck in the world.

Millie Gandalfo plays the trumpet in our school band and also plays the guitar in her spare time. She belongs to the Forensic League and attends the college preparatory classes. Her favorite pastime is swimming, and she also enjoys dancing. Millie rates Spanish, as well as law and transcription among her most interesting subjects.

She hopes to attend St. John's University where she will master in the romance languages. Her untiring ambition will undoubtedly lead to success in any field she chooses.

Our personality column welcomes, Susan Finn of E62-305, into its spotlight. Susan originally came from Boston, but is now a resident of Brooklyn.

Among her activities Sue participates in the Catholic Youth Adorers and the Forensic League, the latter receiving first preference. Sue is one of the most promising speakers in the League. She possesses a gift for expression which seems to reach out to the audience. She recently spoke at the Catholic Book Week Assembly, giving a superb presentation of her subject.

Her future plans, which include teaching, will not be difficult to fulfill. For she is the type of person, whose friendly personality and virtues are recognized by all.

We wish Susan an abundance of success in her teaching career.

INQUIRING REPORTER

Here are the comments of several students who were asked, "What is your dream outfit for Easter?"

Marie Mezzapelli—E72-303

Let's see! the ideal Easter outfit I plan to wear is a light beige full length coat, nile green hat, a pocketbook with beige gloves and oh-those crazy old fashioned shoes. (Is this a dream?)

Margaret Sammon—E51-206

A grey coat, dark blue suit, a red picture hat, red spike heels with a red bag and white gloves are my choice. (I can dream, can't I?)

Rosalie Bentivegna—E43-104

I'll settle for white knit coat with a black fur collar. Don't forget the big white hat and black accessories. (Did you ever see a dream walking?)

Louise Rabasca—E21-103

I have a rose dress with a white topper. My shoes are really crazy, they have thin heels with gold on the tips. (No, this is not a nightmare!)

Nina Aversano

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SPRING BRINGS DREAMS

Hurry! Hurry! Hurry! Read them all! With Spring just a few weeks away, maybe you are wondering, how to spend a quiet afternoon under a shady tree, with a blue sky just above you.

What a wonderful feeling it must be to live in another country, meeting new friends. Why not pick up a good book of travel which makes it possible to circle the globe, without moving from that enviable position?

Why not get involved in a good, hair-raising, mystery story? Just imagine yourself climbing a flight of stairs in the dark, or walking through a long and an unlighted corridor, suddenly realizing you are all alone. You begin to hear strange sounds!

How does it feel to be a convert? As a born Catholic you are accustomed to the Mass and other devotions. Where can a convert achieve such knowledge? Do you remember the first Mass or the first Solemn Mass you attended? Did you know when to sit or stand? When you made a mistake did you feel that everyone was looking at you? These must be some of the feelings a convert undergoes when assisting at Sunday Mass.

The library is open for any one who wishes to look around. There are all kinds of books which will please every type of a reader. Actually, there is no substitute for a good book. Children read comics. Often the small pocket books spell trouble. Movies and television skip enjoyable details contained in books.

Can any of these give you the satisfaction and interest which is gained only by wholesome reading?

The weather is getting warmer. Spring is in the air. Why not treat your mind to a bit of springtime pleasure. Read some good books.

EGGS FEATURE IN THE CELEBRATION OF EASTER

Since the fifteenth century, eggs have played an important part in the Christian celebration of Easter. Because the use of eggs was forbidden during Lent, they were only brought to the table Easter morning. These were painted red to symbolize the joy the Christians felt for their risen Saviour. Since that time, we have developed the idea of painting the eggs with an assortment of color to express our heartfelt joy. This is how the custom of distributing Easter eggs came about. The unforgettable thrill of telling the children of their own special Easter egg is a very wonderful part of this great feast. It is a sincerely warm and gentle practice which we hope will never disintegrate.

Joan Pfau
Judith Brand

Tragedy.....	55-
Sebastian.....	perfect dinner music
That's My Desire.....	a free trip to Outer Mongolia
There Must Be A Way.....	to pass World History
Venus.....	love lorn consultant for those
Plain Jane.....	planning to move to the moon
House of Love.....	"Skinny Minnie's" sister
P.S.—TO THE SENIORS:	strive to make yours one

If you have gotten tired of that jumble of noise called Rock n Roll I have come to your rescue. As a favor to you, my dear upper classmen, I am selling my treasured collection of old records by Rudy Vallee, on the sixth floor at the end of the tenth period. "THE SUPPLY IS LIMITED."

Gloria Oberster

OPEN LETTER TO ST. JOSEPH

Dearest St. Joseph,

May you have a happy and blessed feast day!

Even though you are known as the "forgotten Saint" everyone, deep in his heart, understands the great work that you have done. How you cared for Our Blessed Mother and protected her. How you raised the Christ Child in a Good fearing way.

You are truly the "Perfect Father." All parents try to follow your footsteps in bringing up their children in the same way you directed the Child Jesus.

Just a carpenter by trade, you worked very hard to support your family. You brought Jesus to the workshop and taught him the trade. Every father who follows your example, works hard to support his family.

Last but not least you are known as the "Patron of a Happy Death." This is the one thing we all strive for. Please dear St. Joseph, pray to your Son to give us the privilege of a happy and holy death.

We pray to you for all these things. Please dear St. Joseph hear us and watch over us.

Virginia D. Rickey

MEMO:

Schedule of Events

APRIL

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

March 30 to April 2—Monday to Thursday—Young Christians Students Convention at Garrison, N.Y.

April 3—Friday—First Friday

April 4—Saturday—First Saturday.

April 6—Monday—Fathers' Club Meeting.

April 9-19—Thursday to Sunday—1959 National High School Art Exhibition at New York Coliseum.

April 11—Saturday—Teachers' Conference.

April 12—Sunday—Communion Breakfast for the Confraternity.

April 13—Monday—Mothers Auxiliary Meeting

April 13—Monday—Midterm Examination

April 17—Friday—Senior Prom

April 20—Monday—Opening of Second Half-Second Term.

Report Cards distributed week of April 20.

April 28—Tuesday—National Merit Scholarship Qualification Test.



Mrs. Scharnberger

FACULTY PROFILE

Preceding her embarkment upon a teaching position here at Saint Michael's, Mrs. Scharnberger has had experience in many fields of activity. She became a resident of New York in her grammar school days, and continued her education there. As a graduate of City College, Hunter College and Baruch School of Business, her main studies were centered on Real Estate Insurance and Office Management. The fruits of her endeavor were fertilized when she held leading positions in the field of office management, in law offices and Real Estate Insurance.

Through her business experience and her own versatile personality, Mrs. Scharnberger, soon became a well known community leader. For many years she was Supervisor of the Catholic Business Women's Association, and also served on the Bishop's and Neighborhood Committees in Girl Scouting.

She previously taught in numerous Queens Schools, the most recent being Saint Margaret's Middle Village. Because of her extremely learned background she was a once chosen delegate to the National Catholic Educators Association and will attend the convention of the National Council of Catholic Women which will be held in Atlantic City this spring.

Mrs. Scharnberger hopes to continue here at Saint Michael's indefinitely, in order to do her part in training the girls to be Catholic leaders of the future.

SAINT MICHAEL'S GREETS TWO NEW FACULTY MEMBERS

MRS. SHOULE

Mrs. Shoule, a graduate of Hunter College, joined our faculty in February. She previously taught in Queens Schools, being a very active member of community and college organizations.

As President of Saint John's University Auxiliary, she also devotes much of her time to her children and to successful Catholic leadership. She worked closely with the Girl Scouts for many years as a troop leader, leader-trainer and served on the neighborhood committee.

Saint Michael's extends a cordial welcome to Mrs. Shoule. We are certain that the students appreciate her teaching ability and experience with all types of people.

MISS BAJARDI

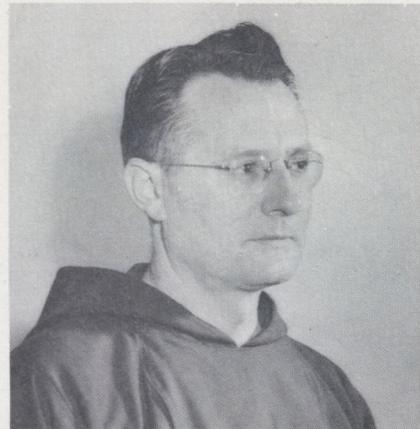
Miss Bajardi, who also joined our staff in February, previously taught at Saint Joseph's Commercial High School. At Saint Joseph's she taught English and Biology, Biology being one of her majors at Fordham University where she acquired her degree.

Born and raised in New York, Miss Bajardi follows the various sports, baseball being her favorite.

From her own point of view she believes that each student should endeavor to do her best in the things that interest her. Whether it be secretarial work, nursing or any other profession, she advises each pupil to contribute her utmost and feels that the teacher should aid her pupils to do so.

We know, that Miss Bajardi will find her stay at Saint Michael's enjoyable and profitable.

Angela Barone



My dear Students:

A teenager loses proper respect for others when she starts to exaggerate her own importance. In other words, as soon as selfishness dominates her character, she invariably hurts other people. It will start out with inconsiderateness and meanness to her brothers and sisters. She will consider herself superior to her classmates and start to look down on them because she is prettier or more talented. Even her parents, who gave her life, protection, education, will on occasion become the object of her nasty remarks, her sullen silence. Such a teenager has lost her childhood reverence for the people who deserve her respect. Now she is grown up--but in the process she has lost a childhood quality which Christ wants to see in people of all ages.

Another teenage problem is that of obedience. Everyone, of course, likes to do what he or she pleases. A person, however, who actually follows out such a program, gradually develops into a positively detestable brat. It is deplorable sometimes to see youngsters refuse to do what they are told by their parents, sulking or crying until they get what they want. As these youngsters get older they become more and more independent and rebellious. By the time they reach young adulthood they are a positive menace. I do not mean that they necessarily become delinquent after the manner of the zip gun, switch blade, mugging, hot rod, marijuana type. I just mean that by the time they reach adulthood, they are thoroughly obnoxious individuals, doomed to make themselves and others unhappy. On the other hand, a person who has learned to deny herself and to listen to others, will grow up to be much wiser, and--so much nicer.



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